GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES AND MINERALS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7263
ANSWERED ON:12.05.2000
LEASING OUT OF MINES TO PRIVATE SECTOR
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Will the Minister of MINES AND MINERALS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the mines at the moment having substantial deposits are on lease to the private parties in each State ;

(b) whether further proposals of leasing out are under consideration for disposing fully to the private parties; and (

(c) if so, the State-wise details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES AND MINERALS

(SMT. RITA VERMA)

(a) to (c) : Mining activity in the country has historically been undertaken both, by public sector as well as private sector companies. The applications for grant of mining leases both from the private sector and public sector are continuously received and processed by the State Governments. Mining Leases are granted by the State Governments as per provisions of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and Rules made thereunder. Since the grant of mining leases is under the domain of State Governments, the information regarding the names of individual mines etc is not centrally maintained. However, as per the information furnished by Indian Bureau of Mines, a subordinate office of the Deptt. of Mines, during 1998-99,the number of mining leases with private sector was 8254, out of which, 2320 were operating mines. The State-wise details are given in Annexure.

Annexure referred to in reply to Lok Sabha UnstarredQuestion No. 7263 listed for 12.5.2000 asked by Shri Priya Ranjan Dasmunsi regarding Leasing Out of Mines to Private Sector.

NUMER OF MINING LEASES/OPERATING MINES DURING 1998-99

S.No.	State	No. of mining leases in Private Sector	No. of operating mines in Private Sector
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1329	298
2.	Assam	16	2
3.	Bihar	393	128
4.	Delhi	4	-
5.	Goa	402	71
6.	Gujarat	1392	408
7	Himachal Pradesh	46	35
8.	Haryana	107	23
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	10	1
10.	Karnataka	475	154
11.	Kerala	100	47
12.	Manipur	2	-
13.	Meghalaya	11	1
14.	Madhya Pradesh	1218	324
15.	Maharashtra	170	75

16.	Orissa	544	172	
17.	Rajasthan	1261	438	
18.	Sikkim	1	-	
19.	Tamil Nadu	552	105	
20.	Uttar Pradesh	121	28	
21.	West Bengal	100	10	
	Total	8254	2320	